t No: AM100182-01 AUG 2 3 2002 TED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re of Application of: Vincent P. SANDANAYAKA, et al. RADSerial No.: 09/769,107 Group No.: 1625 Raymond K. COVING TON 1625 Filed: January 24, 2001 Examiner: METHOD FOR PREPARING ALPHA-SULFONYL HY ROS For: **ACID DERIVATIVES** Confirmation No.: 4495 Customer Number: 25291

> Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated March 26, 2002. Submitted herewith is a transmittal letter including a petition for extension of time and authorization to charge Deposit Account 01-1300 for the fees in connection herewith. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

53. (New) The method according to claim 38 wherein R₅ is C₁-C₆ alkyl substituted by -C₆ alkynyl.

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